

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph on page 4, lines 13-15, with the following amended paragraph:

With regard to the preferred metal ions and further details regarding the same, particular references is made to: ~~EP-A-0-790-253~~ US 5,648,508, particularly to ~~p. 10, l. 8-30~~ col. 11, lines 10ff, section "The Metal Ions" which section is incorporated herein by reference.

Please amend the paragraph on page 6, lines 23-26, with the following amended paragraph:

Further details regarding the at least bidentate organic compounds and the mono-dentate substances, from which the ligands of the framework material as used in the present application are derived, may be deduced from ~~EP-A-0-790-253~~ US 5,648,508, whose respective content is incorporated into the present application by reference.

Please replace the original Abstract with the following replacement Abstract, which is attached on a clean sheet at the end of this paper.